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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dace et al.

Group Art Unit: 1639

Serial No.: 09/879,279

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

Filed: June 12, 2001

Docket No.: 1392/18/2

Confirmation No.: 3524

For: IN VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS

AMENDMENT C

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment was previously filed on March 1, 2006 and is responsive to the Advisory Action dated November 29, 2005, which was in answer to the October 7, 2005 Amendment after Final Rejection. A Notice of Appeal was filed October 7, 2005 and received October 11, 2005, extending the term for response up to and including December 11, 2005. A Petition for a 3-month extension was also made on March 1, 2006 and extended the response time to March 11, 2006.

We hereby filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) because the status

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of this application is unclear. A Petition for a 4-month extension up to and including April 7, 2006 is hereby made. Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-0426** in the amount of \$1,360.00. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.